

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the Examiner alleges the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-22, drawn to a probiotic/prebiotic composition, classified in class 424, subclass 439.

Group II. Claims 23-59, drawn to a method of introducing a composition through a delivery tube, classified in class 623, subclass 1+.

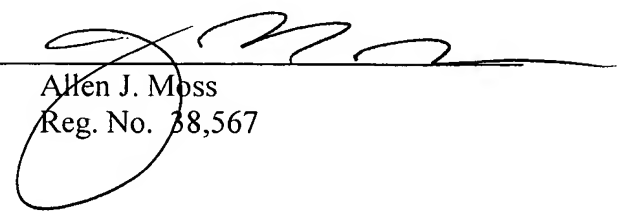
The Examiner requires applicant to elect an invention. In response to the Examiner's requirements, applicant elects Group I, including claims 1-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 19-3878.**

Respectfully submitted,

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